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- "The 60th Naval Landing Battalion (Menskel Desantny Battalion) has been stationed in Tallinn-Kopli, the part of the town situated on a peninsula. This battalion wears the naval black uniform. It appears to consist of four companies of 120 each. In these numbers they have been observed at troop reviews. At such reviews the battalion has been armed with automatics of the type PPS-43. At exercises they have been observed also to use hand machine guns (ruchnye pulemety) and antitank rifles of the type PPS-43.
- "In Kopli (Sig), in the basin of the New Port ('NOVOSADAM') about 30 landing boats of the type BDB have been stationed since Sept 53. Two numbers have been observed: BDB-32 and BDB 40. The BDB boats are metal pontoons of about 120 tons. They have a gasoline engine permitting a speed of up to 15 knots. Their length is 25 meters, the breadth six meters and the depth one meter. On the bow they have one 45 mm PVO (antiaircraft) gun.
- "In the naval port of Tallinn ('SOJASADAM') a Guards Division of Torpedo Cutters has been stationed since Sept 53. The cutters are 33 meters long, 4.9 meters wide, 1.6 meters deep and do 35 knots. They are armed with one 37 mm. gun, one to four 20 mm guns and two 53 mm. torpedo tubes. The commander of the division is Sergei Osipov, Guards Captain of the 1st rank.
- "The Soviets have deepened the entrance to the Naval Port ('MIINISADAM') difference between Sojasadam and Miinisadam not explained of Tallinn and its quays to eight meters. The depth was six meters in independent Estonia. The Naval Port has the form of a box with two entrances, the sides of the box being 750 m long. It is unknown to informants whether they have deepened the middle of this basin, in independent Estonia it was 4.5 m deep. In 1953 the cruiser SEVERDROV and several other cruisers lay

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in the Naval Port.

5. "In 1953 work was started on shelters for cruisers and other craft along the southwest quay of the port. These shelters have a box shape and are covered with reinforced concrete. Their apparent purpose is to protect the warships from observation from the air. The construction of the shelters presents no difficulties as the sea bottom in the Naval Port is extraordinarily hard.

6. "The Tallinn trade harbor and fishing harbor, have been merely rehabilitated and are at present more or less in their pre-World War II state; the New Port has received much attention. It is a natural harbor, a small bay with a depth of 10 m. Before World War II there was only one small quay there and some oil stores. It was used for the import of oil and for the export of the products of the Estonian oilshale industry. The Soviets have built new quays of 1000 m. long, on its southeast and south shores. Work is at present in progress on the northwest shore. Hitherto the quay has been used for naval transport shipping, destroyers ('eskadrennye minonosty') and other small naval craft.

7. "Following is a rough sketch showing the location of the Naval Port and New Port of Tallinn:

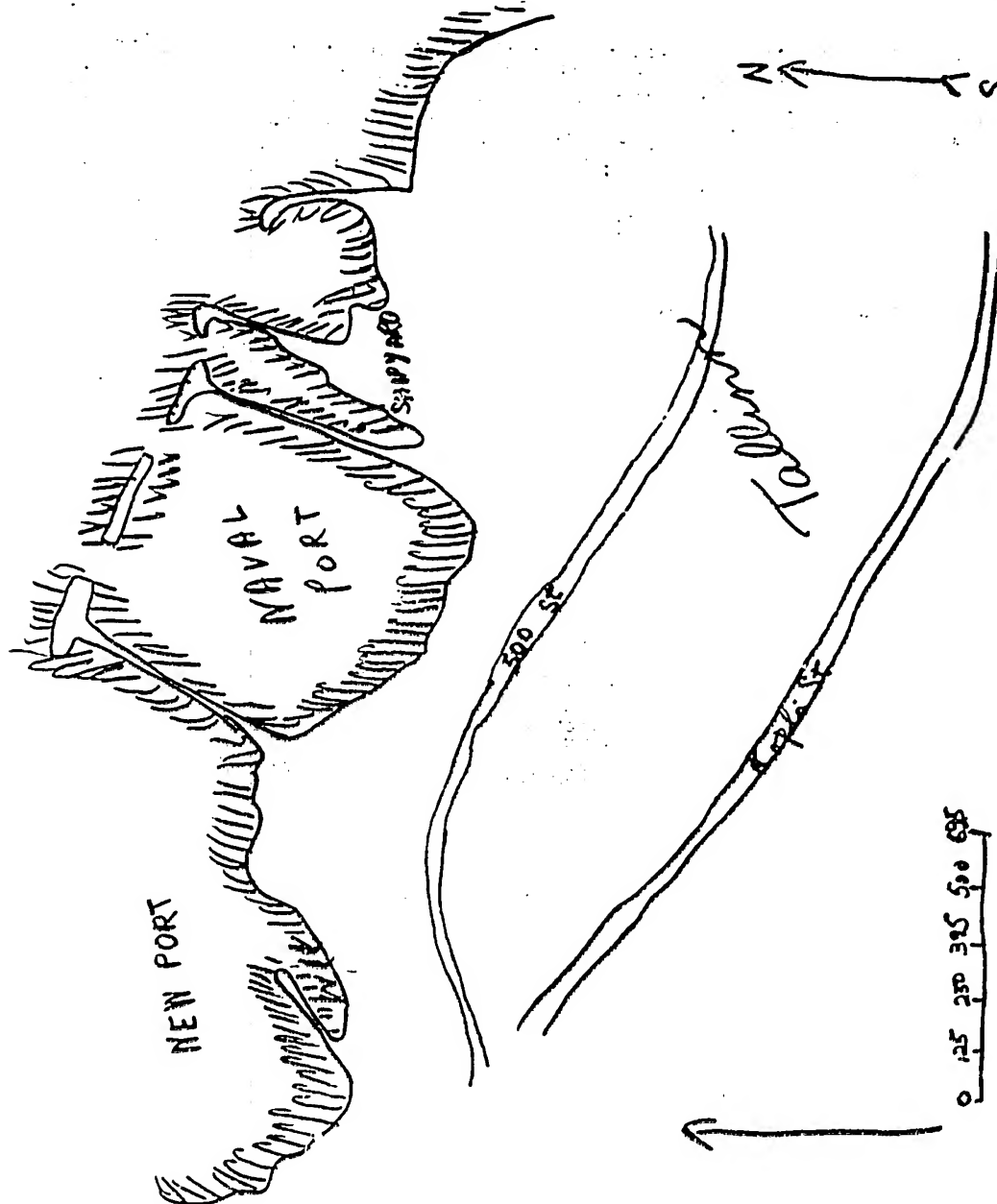
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